

## Radio Alert Week of May 25

## **OPTIONS AIRED FOR BAY-DELTA FIX**

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests has released three potential solutions to the environmental and water management problems of California's Bay Delta system. California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. <u>Ultimately, California's trillion-dollar economy is at risk if a consensus solution to Bay-Delta problems is not reached.</u>

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIANS HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- What will be the impact on local water quality?
- How will Delta area communities be affected by upcoming decisions about the management of the Bay-Delta system?
- ➡ What is the plan to stabilize the levee system?
- → How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

A public hearing will be held Wednesday, May 27, at the University of California Cooperative Extension in Stockton to hear from local residents. The following individual is available for interviews during the weeks prior to the hearing.

Tom Zuckerman, local land owner and Member, Central Delta Water Authority

Pat McCarty, President, Delta Protection Commission, Member, Bay-Delta Advisory Council

To arrange an interview, please call Jill Esterbrooks at (619) 688-0054.

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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

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